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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: MIDDLE EAST/AIRCRAFT

REF: WATCH LIST FEB. 13

1. LIBERAL-LEFT DAGENS NYHETER FEB. 16: "FROM A GENERAL ARMAMENTS VIEWPOINT, IT IS FRIGHTENING THAT CARTER AT ALL CAN CONSIDER A NEW LARGE ARMS SALE IN THAT CORNER OF THE WORLD, WHERE ALREADY SO ENORMOUSLY LARGE SUMS ARE SPENT ON DESTRUVTIVE MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND WHERE THE SPARK IS NEVER FAR FROM THE POWDER MAGAZINE. ISN'T THE SOVIETS' FOLLY IN ETHIOPIA ENOUGH? THE U.S. IS REALLY ASSUMING AN ENORMOUS RESPONSIBILITY....(ALTHOUGH)... PSYCHOLOGICALLY IT IS VALID TO STRENGTHEN PRESIDENT SADAT'S POSITION SINCE HE HAS TAKEN THE RISK OF SEEKING TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THE REST OF THE ARAB WORLD."

2. MODERATE SVENSKA DAGBLADET FEB. 16: "OFFICIAL SOURCES EXPLAIN THUS, THAT THE F-5 PLANE IS NOT A QUALITATIVE INCREASE IN EGYPT'S ABILITY TO CONDUCT AN AIR WAR AND POINT TO EGYPT'S NEED TO BE ABLE TO MEET A THREAT FROM LIBYA AND TO PROTECT  
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QUOTE THE WELLS OF THE NILE UNQUOTE. THERE MAY BE SOMETHING IN THAT, BUT IT IS NEVERTHELESS CLEAR THAT CARTER'S AIRCRAFT PACKAGE IS AN EMPHATIC EXAMPLE OF THE USA'S GROWING DISSATISFACTION WITH ISRAEL'S POSITION."  
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